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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Total casualties in the Iroquois theatre are placed at 1,100 including dead, injured and missing. —— Heavy liquidation in the cotton market was continued yesterday. —— Striking livery drivers in Chicago have declared a truce for ten days. —— Prince Henry has sent a message of condolence to the mayor of Chicago. —— The eastern and western districts of the Southern Railway have been consolidated. —— President Roosevelt telegraphed his sympathy for the people of Chicago to Mayor Harrison. —— Officials at St. Petersburg declare that nothing has been decided regarding Russia's war with Japan. —— A son of Minister Wu, at Havana, was accidentally and mortally wounded. —— Officials in Washington anticipate a peaceful settlement with Colombia. —— Cashier of a bank at Staten Island committed suicide. —— Many arrests of Turks in Salonica on suspicion of a plot to assassinate Christians. —— Insurance loss on the Iroquois theatre will not exceed $90,000. —— Coroner Traeger, of Chicago, with a jury, yesterday began an investigation of the theatre fire; he promises to make it thorough and fix the responsibility where it belongs; the jury made an inspection of the theatre and then adjourned until next Thursday. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call strong at 6@9 per cent; cotton quiet at 13 50c; flour was firm and held higher; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 90c.; corn—spot firm; No. 2 53c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 42½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 2.35 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday, colder Saturday; fresh southwest winds shifting to northwest winds.

As now it is nineteen hundred and four, write it nineteen hundred and three no more.

This is a mighty good time to start the new year right by paying your subscription to THE MORNING STAR.

When the Christmas bills are presented this month don't tell everybody what a fool you think you were.

If Russia and Japan go to war several bulls will be turned loose in the China shop. And "John Bull" will lead the column.

They might have known when they named that steamer "Admiral Dewey" there would be something doing in the ship-sinking line.

If there were no such word as "critical" in the bright lexicon of youth, what would the newspaper correspondents in the "Far East" do?

The terrible punishment administered to Eddie Hanlon by Young Corbett in the recent "argument" justifies the suspicion that the champion handled Eddie without gloves.

It matters little with Wilmington whether it is Barr or Williams. What we want is a morning train, clean cars and fair treatment generally by those who control the Carolina Central railroad.

It is comforting to know that with the close of the old year Mr. John Skelton Williams loses his opportunity of making any more denials. He cannot even deny that the wretched service given Wilmington by the S. A. L. is a disgrace to the system.

The New York *World* says if the representations of the "bulls" as to a further advance in cotton are correct it is a world-wide calamity. Well, that depends. Does the producer who has been selling his cotton at 11 to 13 cents indorse the *World's* contention?

Whether or not Mr. John Skelton Williams would remain President of the Seaboard Air Line was a burning issue. But what the people of Wilmington are interested in is improved service on the Carolina Central branch of that system. It is a shame that we cannot have an outgoing morning train and other facilities on that road. We hope the Chamber of Commerce will make the struggle just inaugurated a "fight to a finish."

The Mount Olivet New Hotel, (Hotel Olivette will open Jan. 2nd, 1904. Hotel strictly modern. Rates $2.00 per day, special rates by the week.
L. A. PEARTREE, Man. & Prop. ‡

MRS. RUSSELL WINS.

It Has Been Decided by the President That She Will be the Postmaster.

MR. WALLACE FOR ASSISTANT

Conference Between Roosevelt and Chairman Rollins Yesterday at Washington. Nomination Will Probably be Sent to Senate Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—At a conference at the White House this afternoon between the President and Republican State Chairman Rollins, it was decided that Mrs. Daniel L. Russell should be appointed postmaster at Wilmington to succeed Miss Darby, whose term has expired.

The nomination of Mrs. Russell will probably be sent in to the Senate next Monday and it is expected that it will be confirmed at once. It is understood that Assistant Postmaster Wallace would be retained in his present position.

Mr. Rollins said to-night that the choice made by Miss Darby that Gov. Russell had come here in her behalf and then secured the place for his own wife, was not true. He said Gov. Russell knew absolutely nothing about the recommendation of his wife till he got here; that he was told at the White House that the State chairman had recommended Mrs. Russell and had declined under any circumstances to recommend Miss Darby. Mr. Rollins added:

"I originally recommended Mrs. Russell. I did it without Gov. Russell's knowledge. I secured her appointment without his assistance. He has treated Miss Darby absolutely fair in this matter."

Asked his reasons for recommending Mrs. Russell, Mr. Rollins said:

"Because of the courteous manner in which she treated the Republicans of the State while she was mistress of the executive mansion at Raleigh. She made friends of every one of them and I believe every one of them will now endorse her appointment."

Another postoffice contest settled at to-day's conference is that at Lincolnton. Mrs. Shipp, who was an applicant for it and for whom the President was anxious to do something, will take a position in the internal revenue office at Raleigh, and Postmaster Barclay will remain in theoffice at Lincolnton.

Two other postmasters will be appointed this week, one at Plymouth and the other at Windsor.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page.

— St. John's Sunday School enjoyed a splendid Christmas entertainment last Monday night.

— The Druids had a most enjoyable banquet last night at their hall in the Odds Fellows' building.

— There was no session of the municipal court yesterday. Strange to say there were no arrests on Wednesday and none up to a late hour last night.

— A new hotel, the "Hotel Olivette," will be opened at Mount Olive to-morrow, with Mr. L. A. Peartree as manager and proprietor. He is from Minneapolis, Minn., and has had ten years' experience in the business.

— Messrs. W. F. Alexander and A. K. Powers have returned from Clinton where they attended the Christmas German on Wednesday night. They say it was a brilliant affair and that they were delighted with their trip.

— Merchants, liquor dealers and keepers of livery stables, bridges and ferries are notified that within the first ten days in January they must report to the Register of Deeds their gross sales during the past 12 months. See advertisement.

— Mr. C. D. Gilbert last evening showed us some handsome red fox robes which his brother, Mr. W. J. Gilbert, sent to some friends in Wilmington. He obtained them while in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and forwarded them from Seattle.

— In accordance with the school laws Prof. Washington Catlett to-day publishes a statement of the disbursements for public schools in New Hanover county. See official statement in our advertising columns for the amount of money disbursed.

— Extra cars on the suburban line will leave Front and Princess streets for Ocean View to-day at 1:30 P. M., 2:30 P. M., and 3 P. M. For the benefit of the golf club a car will leave the golf links at 1 P. M. See schedule for cars leaving the beach.

Christmas Tree.

The Sunday school of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church had a delightful Christmas tree entertainment last night. There was a nice song service, and the pastor, Rev. C. W. Kegley, made the children an appropriate talk. The children received a fine treat from the tree, and in their behalf Mr. W. W. Koch, superintendent of the school, in words of great appreciation, presented a handsome rocking chair to the pastor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Schedule B—Notice.
Notice—Public installation.
The A. David Co.—Overcoats.
M. H. Curran—Happy New Year.
S. P. McNair—Candy and crackers.
Jas. M. Hall—Special arrangements.
Academy of Music—"Tennessee's Pardner."
Academy of Music—"A Modern Shakespeare."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Mechanics' Home Ass'n—New series.
Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Co.—Extra cars.

— Mr. J. B. Yelverton, of Fremont, is visiting our city.

CHARMING GERMAN.

L'Arioso German Club Gave its Holiday Dance Last Night in the Masonic Temple Ball Room.

The Christmas german of L'Arioso German Club was given last night in Masonic Temple ball room, and it was a most charming and brilliant affair. The hall was elaborately decorated and the club monogram was outlined on the wall in large letters of greene and flowers.

The Hollowbush Orchestra played for the dance, and Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., led the couples through the pretty figures. Beautifully gowned women and handsome men participated, and the german was beautifully danced.

The following couples attended:

Mr. Rob. Gwaltney, Miss Leonora Cantwell; Mr. DuPree, Miss Beulah Armstrong; Dr. R. E. Zachary, Miss Lillie Gilchrist; Mr. W. J. Bellamy, Miss Olive Armstrong; Mr. Creth Angel, Miss Katie Maffitt; Mr. John Hill Bunting, Miss Louise Bunting; Mr. Lewis, Miss Lewis; Mr. George James, Miss Jeannie Peck; Mr. Henry Peschau, Miss Madeline DeRosset; Mr. Ed Metts, Miss Duelos of New York; Mr. Will M. Bellamy, Miss Neta LeGrand; Mr. Tom Davis, Miss Anna Peck; Mr. Almond Elliott of Richmond, Miss Elliott Emerson; Mr. Tom Willard, Miss Sue McQueen; Mr. Richard Bradley, Miss Lucile Murchison; Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Miss Anabel Latimer; Mr. Lewis, of New York, Miss Alice Wright; Mr. Aubrey Parsley, Miss Julia Parsley; Mr. Will Crow, Miss Young of Texas; Mr. Jas. Stevenson, Miss Mary Treat Peck; Mr. Sid Williams, Miss Louise Bellamy; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Delano, Mr. and Mrs. Kenly, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson, Mr. C. E. Commander, of Florence, Miss Nellie McMillan; Mr. R. A. Williams, Miss Bessie Burruss; Mr. Henry McMillan, Miss Janie Williams; Mr. Henry Short, Miss Mary Allan Short; Mr. Eugene Beery, Miss Jane Meares; Mr. Tom Myers, Miss Nellie Emerson; Mr. Tom Henderson, Miss Symonds, of Baltimore; Mr. H. M. Emerson, Jr., Miss Laura Clark; Captain Alex. Adrian, Miss Bettie Gordon, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Landis, of Oxford, Miss Annie Blount DeRosset; Mr. Jack Bellamy, Miss Lilla Bellamy; Mr. Will Gordon, of Chapel Hill, Miss Dabney, of Richmond; Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., Miss Mildred Davis; Col. and Mrs. Cotton, of New York.

Stags—Dr. Selden, of Augusta, Mr. Young of Texas, Mr. Ed. McKoy, Lieut. Yost, of Fort Caswell, Mr. Jos. Armstrong.

Chaperones—Mesdames G. Herbert Smith, Hugh MacRae, Clayton Giles, Victor Grainger, D. H. Lipplit and H. C. McQueen.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Mr. Charles Snyder, a Gas Expert from the North, Who Has Been Working at the Gas Works, Missing.

About ten days ago Mr. Charles Snyder, a gas expert, came here from the North to help the gas works out of the trouble which has caused so much inconvenience to Wilmington residents the past two weeks. He went to work at once and was at his post till Tuesday, when he mysteriously disappeared.

None of the officials of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company have any idea where he is and great uneasiness is felt about him. He is not a drinking man and his disappearance is a mystery.

The company has placed the matter in the hands of Detective Robert Green and the police force have been notified to look up the missing man or get some clue to his disappearance.

Jeff Davis Council No 63, Jr. O. U. A. M.

At a meeting held last night the following officers were elected for the next ensuing term:

Jr. P. C.—J. A. Jordan.
V. C.—E. P. Dudley.
C.—J. T. Burke.
R. S.—Jno. E. Wood.
A. R. S.—W. J. Bradshaw.
F. S.—G. C. Simmons.
Treasurer—John Thomas.
Conductor—L. F. Saunders.
Warden—C. J. McKeithan.
I. S.—G. W. McMillan.
O. S.—J. W. Batson.
Chaplain—G. J. Boney.
Trustees—A. J. Hewlett, W. E. Yopp and Jno. E. Wood.
Representative to State Council—G. C. Simmons.
Alternate—John Thomas.

GEORGE JUDGE RELEASED.

Justice Fowler Did Not Deem Evidence Sufficient to Hold Him for Arson.

After having taken until yesterday morning at 10 o'clock to go over and consider the testimony in the case against George Judge, charged with arson, Justice J. J. Fowler came to the conclusion that the evidence was not sufficient to bind the young man over to the Superior Court for trial. He, therefore, informed the lawyers on both sides and sent an order to the sheriff to release Judge from jail.

The accused had been in jail since Saturday night, as arson is a capital case and not bailable. He was immediately released from jail upon Justice Fowler's order yesterday morning.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street. †

ELEGANT CLUB HOUSE

Howard Relief Company's New Building Which is to be Opened To-night.

GRAND BALL AND BANQUET.

Dancing Will Begin at 10 O'clock P. M. and at Midnight the Festive Board Will be Spread—The Hall Will be Beautifully Decorated.

The elegant new two-story club house of the Howard Relief Company, on the northeast corner of Front and Orange streets, will be formally opened to night with a grand ball and banquet. Yesterday the building and magnificent dance hall were beautifully decorated for this occasion.

The building is a model in architecture and is a great improvement to that quarter of the city where it is located. It fronts forty-five feet on the east side of Front street and has a depth of 65 feet extending eastwardly along the southern line of Orange street. The approach is made by granite steps leading up a pretty terrace from Front street. The entrance is through double doors with an attractive arch of North Carolina brownstone. The building is constructed of beautiful hydraulic white bricks whichwere manufactured here by the Hydraulic White Brick Company. These bricks are manufactured of sand and lime, and the Howard Relief Company was the first to show its enterprise and public spirit in encouraging this new home industry. The fact is, the entire building, with only slight exceptions is constructed of home products. Even the tin roof and cornices were manufactured in Wilmington. Mr. H. E. Bonitz was the architect and the building is a credit to his genius.

At the main entrance a hall extends from one end of the building to the other, and it is lighted by gas chandeliers. The floor is covered with inlaid linoleum, and just inside the door is a handsome hat rack and umbrella stand of heavy quartered oak. The front room on the south is the ladies' parlor, and it is a cozy and beautiful apartment. The floor is laid with a pretty Brussels carpet, and the ceiling is embossed steel with a beautiful color scheme of gold leaf and purple. The cornices are embossed steel, and beneath them is a scroll of artistic fresco work. There is a splendid oak mantle with tiled hearth and front, and the room is lighted by a handsome gas chandelier. A double window opens onto Front street and single windows open on the south side. The parlor is sumptuously furnished with rocking chairs, easy chairs and settees, and a centre table, other furniture and pictures make the room very attractive. Adjoining it is a lavatory. The parlor is 16x16 feet in size, and the ladies will be delighted with it.

On the same side just east of the parlor is the billiard and pool room. It is 30x16 feet and the floor is covered with inlaid linoleum. There are billiard and pool tables, hat and coat racks and pictures to make it comfortable and attractive. At the western end of the room is a small room for records.

On the opposite or south side of the hallway and fronting on Front street is the assembly and reading room. It is 16x28½ feet in size and the floor is covered with a nice Brussels carpet. It is lighted by two handsome gas chandeliers, contains a beautiful oak book case, a long oak table, and is nicely furnished with pictures, easy chairs and lounges. In this room is also an oak mantle with tiling effects.

Back of the reading room is a committee room 12x16 feet, and the floor is covered with linoleum. It is furnished with Vienna bent wood chairs, table, and pictures, and is lighted by gas. The ceiling is embossed metal and the cornices are frescoed. Just in rear of this room is the gentlemen's lavatory.

At the rear part of the building there is another entrance opening from Orange street. A hall way runs from the entrance and intersects the main hall at the foot of a stairway which leads up to the second story of the building. The stairway has two landings, and the steps are covered with rubber matting.

On the second story to the right of the stair case is the ladies' dressing room. It is nicely furnished, lighted by gas and fitted with every convenience. Opposite it on the left side of the stairway is the gentlemen's cloak and lounging room and it is also nicely furnished.

Forward of the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms is the dance hall. It is entered from the stairway lobby by folding doors, and once inside we are in a room 43 by 48 feet in size, with 17 feet pitch ceilings of embossed metal. Looking out on Front street are two double windows, on the Orange street side are three double windows, and on the opposite side are four single windows. Three chandeliers light this room, and a beautiful floor make it an ideal place for dancing.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Will Rehder elaborately decorated the ball room. Crossing from each corner of the room to the opposite corner and fastening to the chandelier are long festoons of wild smilax, and the chandeliers are decorated with garlands of greens and crimson immortelles. Above the ball room and over the east end is a gallery extending across the entire building and having a depth of twelve feet. It is furnished with seats and will be occupied by the orchestra and any spectators who may desire to look on the dance below. The front part of the balcony is decorated with holly and smilax in keeping with that of the ball, and throughout the scheme are white ribbon bows that add a dainty effect.

In the basement of the building is a commodious buffet, where there is also room for a range and heating apparatus for the entire building. The building is equipped with electric call bells and a telephone.

In a way this will give some idea of the nice club house of the Howards, and to complete it we need only to say that on the front terrace, and on the Orange street side and also at the rear are grass plots where flowers are to be planted the coming season.

The building was constructed under the management of the building committee consisting of Messrs. J. W. Dale, J. G. L. Gieschen, C. F. Von Kampen, M. Rathjen, J. W. H. Fuchs, Charles Schnibben and H. T. Dale. These names are inscribed on the corner-stone at the southwest corner of the building.

The ball to-night is given as a house warming and tickets can only be had by the members and their immediate families. The committee is anxious for every member to be present. The Hollowbush orchestrawill play for the dance.

BIG FIRE AT LUMBERTON.

The Proctor and McLean Block Burned, Including the Bank of Lumberton, Two Stores and Offices.

A special dispatch from Lumberton to THE STAR yesterday morning stated that fire was raging in the Proctor & McLeod Block yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. The building of the Bank of Lumberton, together with the dry goods store of S. B. Lewis & Co., the clothing store of Weinstein, the law offices of McLean, McLean & McCormick, and the dental office of Dr. R. T. Allen were destroyed. The vault of the bank was left in tact.

The fire was discovered shortly after midnight, and originated in the store of S. B. Lewis & Co. The losses were not learned, but it is said that, with the exception of the valuable papers of the law offices, they are pretty well covered by insurance.

Mabel Paige Last Night.

Another full house gathered at the Academy last evening to greet the favorite Southern actress, Miss Mabel Paige, and her clever company in "The Girl from the West." It seems that she grows more fascinating each season she comes here and her appearance is a guarantee of a crowded house always. Sure we are that there is no actress that ever plays in Wilmington who is as big a favorite as Mabel Paige.

The play, the star and the company were all excellent last evening and seemed to appear to their very best advantage.

Many splendid vaudeville acts were introduced between the acts of the play, making a continuous performance of superior excellence.

The play for to-night will be "Tennesse's Pardner" and this afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a special matinee for ladies and children. Matinee prices 10 and 20 cents. Seats on sale at Plummer's.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. L. Middleton, of Rocky Mount, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Neill Alford, of Maxton, made business calls here yesterday.

— Mr. H. C. McNair, of Maxton, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Miss Mollie Williams, of this city, is visiting friends at Cronly this week.

— Lieutenants R. E. Callan and Philip Yost, of Fort Caswell, spent yesterday in the city.

— Miss Mary Cooper, of Kenansville, is in the city, visiting Mrs. I. W. Cooper, 315 Red Cross street.

— Dr. and Mrs. Wells will receive the members of the First Presbyterian church and congregation to-day.

— Mr. A. S. Kirby, of St. Phillips, paid us a pleasant call yesterday and renewed his subscription to the STAR.

— Miss Lillie Keithly, of Washington, D. C., who has been spending the holidays with her friends here, has returned to Washington.

— Mrs. N. G. Whitfield, Miss Lena McKee Whitfield and Miss Sackie Mitchener, of Raleigh, are here visiting Mrs. N. F. Parker, 620 Market street.

— Hereafter no "Personals" sent through the mails, or direct to the office, will be printed in the STAR unless accompanied with a responsible name.

— Mr. W. S. McDuffy returned yesterday afternoon to Mobile, Ala., after spending Christmas with his parents and friends at Point Caswell, his old hold.

— Mr. R. B. Branch, editor of the Red Springs *Citizen*, arrived in the city last night and gave the STAR a pleasant call. He is on his way to Whiteville to spend New Year's day with his father, Captain B. B. Branch.

Comedy and Vaudeville.

Flaming circulars are out announcing that on Wednesday night next, January 6, the four act society comedy drama, "A Modern Shakespeare," will be presented at the Academy of Music for the benefit of the Wilmington Light Infantry. Interspersed between the acts there will be a programme of refined vaudeville, and altogether an evening of rare entertainment is promised.

GROWING COMMERCE.

Wilmington's Export Trade During 1903 Has Increased Along All Lines.

$20,000,000 IN MERCHANDISE.

That Has Been the Value of Cotton, Naval Stores and Lumber Sent Away from This Port—Number of Ships Here the Past Year 233.

The steady increase in the commerce of Wilmington is extremely gratifying to the people of our city, and the growing importance of the chief port of North Carolina will alike be a source of gratification to the people of the entire State.

During the year 1903, ended yesterday, the exports of Wilmington were more than $20,000,000.

The fiscal customs year ends December 31st, and at the custom house yesterday, Deputy Collector William Struthers kindly aided a STAR representative in taking from the books the following statement of exports, by months, of cotton, naval stores and lumber from Wilmington during the year 1903.

	COTTON		NAVAL STORES.		LUMBER.	
	Bales.	Value.	Barrels.	Value.	Feet.	Value.
January	38,707	$ 3,990,600	30,119	$ 90,357	5,803,000	$ 116,060
February	10,996	948,000	39,187	117,561	12,564,000	251,280
March	17,568	1,625,001	51,966	155,898	19,558,000	391,160
April			19,479	58,437	14,705,000	294,100
May					3,200,000	64,000
June					7,450,000	149,000
July					5,450,000	109,000
August			95,995	287,985	14,215,000	284,300
September	38,787	3,987,365	157	471	13,981,000	279,620
October	71,351	6,844,013			15,541,000	310,820
November	64,213	4,816,000	34,900	104,700	30,924,000	618,480
December						
Total	345,933	$27,475,979	277,804	$795,509	161,867,000	$3,237,340

Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, cotton exporters, on yesterday cleared the British steamship "Caprera," Captain Connell, for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 12,500 bales of cotton, weighing 6,021,989 pounds, valued at $858,150.

Messrs. Heide & Co., on yesterday cleared for Glasgow, Scotland, the British steamship "Aarmenia," Captain Schearf, with a cargo of 2,704 gum logs, valued at $20,000, and 335 tarrels rosin, valued at $1,000. Cargo by Mr. Will L. Miller, agent for the Acme Tea Chest Company, of Glasgow.

The German bark "Carl" arrived in port yesterday from New York, and is consigned to Heide & Co.

The American schooner "Longfellow" arrived in port yesterday and is consigned to C. D. Maffitt. She brought a cargo of fertilizers for Armour & Co.

SHIPPING IN 1903.

From the books of Col. John L. Cantwell, port statistician, we learn that during the year ended yesterday, there arrived in the port of Wilmington, 305 ships of all classes the total tonnage of which was 309,905.

Of the ships which arrived there were 233 American vessels, including 105 steamships of 136,220 tons, 2 barques of 818 tons, 3 brigs of 1,007 tons, 9 barges of 26,344, and 114 schooners of 51,773 tons. The total tonnage of American vessels was 216,164.

The foreign arrivals were 72 ships, including 46 steamships of 83,441 tons, 12 barques of 7,570 tons, 1 brig of 233 tons, and 13 schooners of 3,597 tons. The total foreign tonnage for the year was 93,741.

During the year 1903 the total number of vessels which arrived in port was 336 and their aggregate tonnage was 311,461. Of these there were 250 American vessels, of 210,902 tons, and 86 foreign ships of 100,559 tons. There was a slight falling off the past year both in the number of vessels and tonnage, but the record makes a good showing for our increased shipping interests. There has been a gratifying growth of Wilmington's shipping during the past few years.

SHIPPING IN DECEMBER.

Col. Cantwell's books show that during the month ended yesterday 30 ships arrived in the port of Wilmington, of which the aggregate tonnage was 31,665. Of these the Americans ships were 10 steamships of 11,770 tons, 2 barges of 6,000 tons and 11 schooners of 3,971 tons. Total number of American ships 23, with a total tonnage of 21,741. The foreign vessels were 4 steamships of 8,672 tons, 2 barques of 1,141 tons and 1 schooner of 111 tons. Total foreign tonnage for the month, 9,924.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Public Installation

Of officers of local union No. 800, Carpenters and Joiners, of Wilmington, N. C., on saturday night, Jan. 2nd, 1904 All union men of any craft and their families are cordially invited, and especially the ladies; the aims and objects of the order will be explained by speakers from our own craft and refreshments will be served after installation of officers.

J. G SMITH, Preside t.
D. ROUNTREE, Secretary. jan 1 2t

ONE NIGHT OF FUN.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Wednesday Night, Jan. 6, 1904.

Big benefit for

Wilmington Light Infantry.

The Four Act Society Comedy,

A MODERN SHAKESPEARE.

Refined Vaudeville between acts.
jan 1 5t

MEN'S OVERCOATS,
MEN'S SUITS.

The cold wave finds us ready with the finest stock of

Men's Winter Overcoats and Stormers in the City.

All usual sizes for Men and Youths. Plenty of extra sizes beside.

THE A. DAVID CO.,
jan 1 tf Clothiers and Gents' Outfitters.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To each and every one of our friends and customers, and we wish to thank them for their generous patronage the past year and hope for a continuance of the same.

M. H. Curran,
Merchant Tailor and
jan 1 tf Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.

TO OUR TRADE.

We thank each and every one for their liberal Patronage during this year, 1903, and we earnestly solicit a larger share of your trade during 1904.

Our facilities are unequalled, and our capital ample to serve you, large or small.

Wishing each and every one a merry Xmas and a very prosperous nineteen hundred and four. Yours, truly,

D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers and Importers,
118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.
dec 9b tf

Special Notice.

Deposits made with us on or before Saturday, January 2nd,

Will bear interest from that date at rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,
108 Princess Street.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.
dec 19 tf

Candy and Crackers.

Southern Department Candy.
Mixed Candy in 30 lb. Pails.
Broken Mixed Candy, 50 lb. Tubs.
Excelsior Caramels, 15 lb. Pails.
Violet Kisses in 10 lb. Boxes.
Chocolate Sweets in 5 lb. Boxes.
Penny Mixed Cakes.
Pearl Lemon Cakes.
Crown Soda Cakes.
Gem Crackers.
Oyster Crackers.

Call on us or send your orders.

S. P. McNAIR,
jan 1 tf Wilmington, N. C.

BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

with no concern we are able to offer the public High Grade

Violet Talcum, Toilet and Baby Powder

at 10c per box (regular size) 3 for 25 cents.
We deliver to any part of the city. Phone us your Drug wants.

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Pharmacist,
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH

School Law, Section 75, the following is the Report of Receipts and Disbursements for year ending June 30, 1903, of School Fund of New Hanover County:

RECEIPTS.

General State and County Poll Tax		$ 4 979 00
General property tax		16 5 9 30
Fines in the several Courts		1 871 60
Liquor licenses		13 095 60
From State Treasurer		1,169 88
Sales—	$ 5,427 00	
Sale of property	5,427 00	
Rebate and insurance	9 12	
Supt.'s Ex. Fees	3 00	9,971 83
Total received during year from June 30th, to July 1st, 19 3		45,439 12
Balance as per last report		13 463 79
Total		$58,432 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid teachers (white)		$18 979 50
Paid teachers (colored		7,755 00
Paid for school houses and sites,		
white and colored		14 680 00
Paid County Superintendent		720 00
Treasurer's commissions		1,105 60
Per diem of County Board of Education		84 00
Expenses of County Board, including stationary, postage etc		110 83
Paid for Other Purposes—		
Books	$ 194 18	
Insurance	855 20	
Supplies, material, labor, etc.,	6 123 96	7 0'8 45
Total disbursements		50 157 88
Balance July 1st, 1903		8 276 14
Total		$58,433 97

Dec. 31, 1903. W. CATLETT, Superintendent.
jan 1 1t

SCHEDULE B.

Within the first ten days of January, 1904, Dealers in Merchandise are required to report to the Register of Deeds their gross sales during the past twelve months, and pay tax thereon.

Liquors Dealers are required to give in and pay upon purchases of liquor.

Keepers of Bridges and Ferries and Keepers of Livery Stables to report as usual.

W. H. BIDDLE,
jan 1 1t Register of Deeds.

The Morning Star.
WILLIAM H. BERNARD.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1.

SECESSION NOW AND THEN.

A communication to the Associated Press of the United States from the Associated Press of Colombia, which was published in the *Sun* recently, makes a strong and striking appeal to the American people. In the opinion of Colombian newspapers the best way for the United States to promote peace and civilization in the South American States is by expanding our trade in those lands, by utilizing, in short, the forces of peace and not the dogs of war. Not only does the Colombian press accuse our Government of bad policy, but of inconsistency. The appeal says:

It is no tradition of the United States, which by gigantic efforts prevented the secession of those Southern States that wanted to dismember the Union, to unjustly provoke and back and sustain the dismemberment of other sister republics.

It is inconceivable that what the American people can obtain by just and clean means the Government contrives to obtain by violating its good faith and honest traditions in order to subserve electoral ambitions.

It is not conceivable that the great nation to whom the world owes so many conquests and liberal doctrines in the field of international law should forget them when dealing with a weak and friendly country that has no other means of defense than its solemn protest to the American people; that it [illegible] ignore the advice of its noble [illegible] and the memory and the coun[illegible] the grand Lincoln, which have [illegible] great and respected—it is not [illegible] able that such a nation should adopt such a high-handed policy of vandalism.

Not long ago President Roosevelt went so far as to express the opinion that every right-thinking and honorable man was opposed to the secession of the Southern States. It is a matter of history that the Government of the United States was so opposed to the principle of secession in those days that it expended several billion dollars and several hundred thousand human lives in suppressing it. The Colombian newspapers cannot differentiate between secession in North America and secession in South America. They are apparently unable to see why secession in 1861 was so wicked and wrong that it had to be put down at all costs, while secession in 1903 is right and must be sustained. The Columbia (S. C.) *State* is evidently of the same opinion and recently declared that the Government of the United States has kindly conceded the contention of the South and has in effect admitted that it was wrong in coercing the Confederate States in the Civil War. This expression of opinion gives much pain to our esteemed contemporary, the Providence *Journal*. That excellent newspaper has no difficulty in seeing the difference between the secession of 1861 and that of Panama. The Southern States, it declares, seceded from a good government, while Panama seceded from a bad government—a banditti government, as our contemporary is pleased to term the Government of Colombia as well as those of the other South American States. According to this theory, the right or wrong of rebellion or secession is not a question of morality, as Mr. Roosevelt considered it a few months ago, or a matter of principle, as the South Carolina newspaper is disposed to consider it, but whether the rebels or the secessionists consider the government from which they withdraw a good government or a bandit government.

The world's supply of cotton in 1861 and the maintenance of the supply necessary to keep the English mills at work and bread in almost millions of mouths might be regarded as of equal importance with having the canal at Panama rather than at Nicaragua. Would that fact, in Mr. Roosevelt's opinion, have justified England in acknowledging the independence of the Confederate States the day Major Anderson surrendered Fort Sumter, and in then sending a fleet to prevent the landing of Federal troops in the South and any interference with the free egress of cotton to the markets of the world.?

A story is told of an invasion in olden times somewhat as follows: The people of the country invaded asked the general of the invading army by what right he assumed to take their country. The general frankly replied: "By the right of our swords." Everybody knows that is the right and the only right we have to give aid and comfort to Panama. Why don't we say so honestly and frankly?—*Baltimore Sun.*

SOME SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

The completed tax books of the State of Georgia contain some valuable figures bearing upon the practical solution of the race question. One of the most significant facts shown by the published figures from these official books is that the property holdings of negroes in the State increased the past year over $1,526,263. The further statistics are furnished by the Atlanta *Journal* as follows: "The aggregate value of all the negro property in the State for 1903 is $16,714,265. Last year it amounted to $15,188,069. The total value of the city property for 1903 is $4,668,620. Last year the value of the city property amounted to $4,389,422. The total value of farming lands this year belonging to negroes, $5,881,471. Last year the value was $4,779,263."

It is safe to say that not one of the negroes owning this property has been disturbed in the enjoyment of any of his rights as a citizen. Few of them may have voted at elections, but then very few of them care anything about voting, being willing just now to allow their white fellow-citizens to manage the affairs of the public. None of these self-supporting, industrious and productive negroes has bothered his head about politics or his social status. He has realized that it is an absolute, unvarying condition that confronts him as a citizen in the South, and not a theory, and accordingly as he has been able to meet that condition has he advanced and prospered or retrograded and failed. One of the typical Southern States furnishes the proof that the negro as a race is going ahead slowly, and that the possibilities for his advancement are larger and more promising in the South among the people who know and like him best than in any other section of the land.—*Chattanooga Times.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "Tommy," said the distressed mother, "I don't see how you can get so dirty." "Come out and I'll shew you," was the prompt reply.—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— Ethel: Will told me last night he was afraid his mind was going. Mable: Weren't you scared he wouldn't go with it.—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

— "He's a gay dog; likes all women, but isn't engaged to any particular one." "I should think not. What particular woman would have him?"—*Brooklyn Life.*

— De world may owe you a livin'," said Uncle Eben, but you's got to push de claim, case de world ain't sittin' up nights worryin' bout its debts."—*Washington Star.*

— Patience: "He wrote a song he thought was going to live." Patrice—"And did it?" "No, the first person he heard sing it murdered it."—*Yonker's Statesman.*

— "Whenever I see a meteor, it makes me think of that steel stock of mine." "Why?" "You never saw a meteor that wasn't going down, did you?"—*Chicago Record.*

— Miss De Stuffe—"How vulgar Miss Gotrox is! She insists on making herself conspicuous on every occasion." Miss Jingle—"Yes, she even stops her auto when she runs over anybody."

— He (after the proposal): But I'm afraid I am not good enough for you, darling. She: Of course you are not. But you are too good to be thrown away on any other girl.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Mrs. Snapp—That young woman next door to us got a piano recently. Mrs. Kalling—So I heard. Does she play much? Mrs. Snapp—No; not so much, but a great deal.—*Catholic Standard.*

— Rev. Mr. Gassaway: Was my sermon very long this morning? Mr. Fidgett intimated that it was. Mr. Goodhart: O! I—er—guess it wasn't very long, really. Perhaps it merely seemed so."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Stranger—I see your people are organizing to put down lawlessness and crime. Tough Citizen (grinding his teeth)—Yes, sir; they say we're going to have a regular carnival of reform.—*Chicago Tribune.*

— She—Papa says that when coming to see me you must not come in a street car any more. He—Really! Does he expect me to walk all this distance? She—Of course not. He says all he asks that you will come in a carriage, hired by the hour.—*New York Weekly.*

— Crittick—Yes, I took in the opening performance of Gagley's comic opera at the Comedia last night. Jenkins — Yes? Nothing new there, I suppose. Crittick—O! yes; some of the people in the audience seemed to be quite new. They laughed at the jokes. — *Catholic Standard and Times.*

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite, and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run-down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c a bottle. †

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— "The Santo Domingo revolutionists will have to wait a few days until we replenish our stock of recognition, which has run a little low, owing to an unprecedented and unexpected demand from the South American trade."—*Washington Post.*

— It will not surprise the country that Perry S. Heath has $100,000 worth of real estate in Muncie, Ind., after having sold $40,000 worth, and is about to invest at least $100,000 in a new hotel in that town. Mr. Heath is an eminently appropriate person for secretary of the Republican National Committee.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Our action in seizing Panama because we needed it is thought in diplomatic circles to have had effect already, influencing Russia to tighten her hold on Manchuria. Certainly Russia has every reason to believe that we can make but feeble protest against her doing in the East what we are doing in the South.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

— Following the disgraceful scenes at the Roxburghe wedding in New York, a female mob rushed the police and stormed a church in Newark, where a bishop was being consecrated. The police profess inability to deal with this new phase of rioting, but nothing is easier. They need not use a particle of force. All that is necessary is to turn the hose on the mob's new winter hats.—*Baltimore American.*

— Correctly as the United States may construe the limitations of her authorized positions, the isthmus will be henceforth in all essentials under her protectorate. It will be interesting to watch the influence of this fact upon American imperialism, and to see whether it will insensibly draw the United States into relations of fuller responsibility not merely toward Central but toward South America.—*London Times.*

— Having presumably paid a high price for an operation by a distinguished surgeon, are patients and their friends not at liberty to proclaim the fact and derive some supposed social advantage from the association of their name with that of one known to have attended exalted personages? In other words, may not the advertisement occasionally be intended for the benefit of the patient rather than of the practitioner whose name has been introduced without his permission, and regardless of his feelings?—*The Lancet.*

— Without sufficient cause, without a good excuse, without designing to give the public any explanation, Rockefeller does not hesitate to raise the price of oil. This he has done at least twice very recently, and will doubtless do so again if he feels inclined. Such a business policy as he pursues receives and merits the condemnation of the millions who suffer from it, and among them he is counted the most unpopular man in the country. All his munificence, all his millions upon millions of gifts cannot save him from the hatred of those who count themselves the victims of his heartless monopoly."—*Baltimore American (Rep.)*

— Senator Hanna continues to renounce his presidential ambitions in the positive manner of the small boy who protested: "Mother told me I must not take a second piece of cake unless you urged me very hard." To an enthusiastic admirer in Fort Scott, Kan., Mr. Hanna writes that the result of the Ohio election is gratifying as a "personal vindication," but really it does not "justify the claims of my friends with reference to the suggestions of my nomination for the presidency." He must, therefore, ask his friends not to place him in an "embarrassing position." The failure of these friends to consider his tender sensibilities is one of the marvels of recent politics.—*N. Y. Post, Ind.*

The Lion's Roar.

Major Austin, writing of his travels in central Africa, says: "The grandest, the most awe inspiring, the most tremendous voice on earth issues from the throat of that king of beasts, the lion. It is difficult to describe that mighty roar bursting out into the silence of the night and seeming to shake the very ground beneath one. It makes one feel petty, insignificant, of no account, when his majesty voices his satisfaction at having dined well on some poor unsuspecting antelope which has allowed itself to fall under the clutches of that ponderous paw. The men huddle together; a deadly stillness follows; there is a catch in one's breath, and it is with a sense of relief a whisper perhaps of 'Simba shiba' (the lion is satiated) arises, and conversation gradually resumes its flow."

Old Engraved Rings.

Among the legends of Greece it is told that the father of Pythagoras, the famous Greek philosopher, was a celebrated engraver of gems, and, according to classical history, both Helen of Troy and Ulysses of Greece wore engraved rings. Engravings on stones that were partly precious was an art at a very remote age. The British museum proudly boasts the possession of a small square of yellow jasper bearing the figure of a horse and the name and titles of Amenophis II., believed to date back to about the year 1450 B. C. The very finest specimen of engraved gem now in existence is a bead of Nero carved on a first water diamond by the brothers Castanzi in the year 1790 A. D.

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THE SIERRAS.

Cheney's Expectorant is the best cough medicine in the world. My little child was subject to violent attacks of croup until I obtained a bottle of Cheney's Expectorant. One dose soothes the throat membranes and produces rest.

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MIDY

OLD FOLKS.

THEIR DAYS MAY BE PROLONGED.

How the Evening of Life May Be Made Happier for All.

"If people only knew the good that Vinol does old people," said Mr. Robt. R. Bellamy, our well known druggist, "columns of space in our newspapers would be devoted to the subject for the benefit of mankind in general. I can truly say that we have never sold anything in our store equal to Vinol as a strengthener and body-builder for old people.

"You see, with old age comes feebleness and loss of power, the organs act more slowly and less effectually than in youth, the appetite is poor, the digestion weak, and there is not that same renewal of body tissue.

"There is nothing more pitiful to me than to see old people tottering around. I know that Vinol cannot bring back lost years, but it will lengthen life and brighten the years that remain.

"We are hearing from all over the country remarkable results which prove my statement, and we have received letters from sons and daughters of old people, telling how father or mother has been made well and happy by the vigor and strength which Vinol brings the old.

"It was only a few days ago a letter was brought to my attention from Mr. John G. Nichols, of Lawrence, Mass., in which he said that he was eighty-four years old, and he had not felt so well for fifteen years as he had since taking Vinol; it gave him a good appetite, and he feels strong and well, and is working every day from six o'clock in the morning until five o'clock at night."

"It is just this way," continued Mr. Bellamy, "Vinol invigorates the stomach first of all, creates an appetite and enables the stomach to separate from food the elements needed for rich, red blood, healthy body material and sound, steady nerves. In this natural manner it repairs worn tissues, checks the natural decline and replaces weakness with strength.

"For any one suffering from any weakened run down condition Vinol will do the same; and it is because we know so well what Vinol will do that we guarantee its action, and we will gladly refund the money paid for it to any one who is not satisfied. I wish every old person in this vicinity would just try Vinol on our guarantee. If it does not satisfy, then it will not cost them a cent. Robt. C. Bellamy, Druggist.

A French Dog Story.

A Parisian lady went out recently for a walk in the Avenue de Clichy, taking with her a toy terrier, which she held by a string. While she was looking into a shop window two mischievous boys substituted a bone for the dog. A Great Dane then appeared on the scene, and, seeing the bone, made a dash and swallowed it, string included. The lady turned round and in despair cried out that the Great Dane had eaten her pet. The little dog was found later on, much to the joy of his mistress, who carried him off in a cab.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

German barque Carl, 572 tons, Vols, New York, Heide & Co.

Schooner Longfellow, 228 tons, Spencer, Philadelphia, C D Maffitt.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

British steamer Armenia, Schearf, Glasgow, Heide & Co.

British steamer Caprera, Connell, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamer Caprera, 12,500 bales cotton, 6,021,989 pounds valued at $858,150; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

GLASGOW—British steamer Armenia, 2,704 gum logs, valued at $20,000; 335 barrels rosin, valued at $1,000; cargo by Acme Tea Chest Co; vessel by Heide & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 1.

SCHOONERS.

Longfellow, 228 tons, Spencer, C D Maffitt.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Maffitt.

Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Maffitt.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.

Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Carl, (Ger), 572 tons, Vols, Heide & Co.

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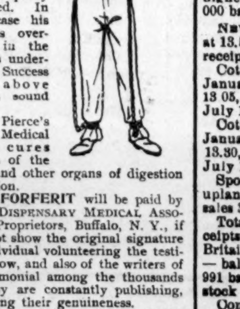

The man who started to run a race in chains and fetters would be visibly handicapped. No one would expect him to succeed. The man who runs the race of life when his digestive and nutritive organs are diseased is equally handicapped. In the one case his strength is overweighted, in the other it is undermined. Success demands above all else a sound stomach.

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

$3,000 FORFEIT will be paid by WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y., if they cannot show the original signature of the individual volunteering the testimonial below, and also of the writers of every testimonial among the thousands which they are constantly publishing, thus proving their genuineness.

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Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, sent *free* on receipt of stamps to cover expense of mailing *only*. Twenty-one one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $3.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	10
Rosin	97
Tar	152
Crude turpentine	32

Receipts same day last year—32 casks spirits turpentine, 241 barrels rosin, 215 barrels tar, 29 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 8¼c for middling.

Receipts—827 bales; same day last year, 567.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm, 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Money on call was strong at 6@9 per cent., closing bid 8 per cent., and offered at 8 per cent.; time loans firm; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 5 per cent.; six months 4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484@484 10 for demand and 481@481.10 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 482 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480½@480½. Bar silver 56¼. Mexican dollars 43¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, ex int, 105½; do. coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133; do. coupons 133½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107½; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 108½; U. S. 5's, registered, 101½; do. coupon, 101½; Southern Railway, 5's, 114¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 89½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33½; Manhattan L 144; New York Central 119; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 76½; do. 2nd preferred 60½; St. Paul 146½; do. pref'd, 177; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 79; Amalgamated Copper 51½; People's Gas 98⅜; Tennessee Coal and Iron 38¾; U. S. Leather 7⅝; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76½; Western Union 86¼; U. S. Steel 12½; do. preferred 57⅜; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 29½; sales — shares; do. preferred, ex div. closed 98; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 31.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10½@11½; do. preferred, 21½@22; do. bonds, fours, 70½@71. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 108@110; do. preferred, 103½ bid.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales—casks. Rosin steady; sales—barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 30; I, $2 50; K, $2 75; M, $2 85; N, $3 00; W G, $3 20; W W $3 55.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts 308 casks; sales 156 casks; exports 680 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,823 barrels; sales 934 barrels; exports 1,614 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 40; I, $2 60; K, $2 85; M, $2 95; N, $3 10; W G, $3 30; W W $3 55.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The cotton market opened weak at a decline of fifteen to thirty-two points under further liquidation and possibly some selling for short account, following cables below expectation, estimates for heavy receipts and more talk of war in the Far East. Shortly afterward, on reports that all January notices had been promptly taken up by the local bull leader, the market began to do slightly better, assisted by moderate bull support from local sources. The improvement was jerky, but generally speaking continued to work upward until January reached 12.96, March 13.32, May 13 46 and July 13.47. Trading was considerably less active on the upturn and the market frequently sagged off under room realizing in anticipation of the new year holidays. The close was very steady at nearly the best of the session, or net one point lower on January to thirteen points higher. Sales were estimated at 800,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton quiet at 13.50c; net receipts 1,015 bales; gross receipts 10,463 bales; stock 66,645 bales.

Cotton futures market opened weak: January 12 85, February —, March 13 05, April 13.05, May 13.16, June 13.03, July 13.07, August 12.64.

Cotton futures closed very steady: January 12.99, February 13.14, March 13.30, April 13.36, May 13.43, June 13.42, July 13.45, August 12.99.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 13.50; middling gulf 13.75c; sales 3,605 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 46,668 bales; exports to Great Britain 27,890 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 13,991 bales; exports to Japan 3,045 bales; stock 970,735 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 24,565 bales; exports to Great Britain 63,402 bales; exports to France 17,141 bales; exports to the Continent 76,566 bales; exports to Japan 5,634 bales; exports to Mexico 1,241 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,183,544 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,534,316 bales; exports to France 513,395 bales; exports to the Continent 1,601,137 bales; exports to Japan 27,480 bales; exports to Mexico 18,444 bales.

Dec. 31.—Galveston, easy at 13c, net receipts 7,241 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 3,500 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.50c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13.50, net receipts 205 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 827 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 13.75c, net receipts 253 bales; Savannah, dull at 12⅞, net receipts 5,824 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 13⅛c, net receipts 23,405 bales; Mobile, nominal at 13c, net receipts 544 bales; Memphis, quiet at 13⅛c, net receipts 2,865 bales; Augusta, quiet at 13c, net receipts 1,308 bales; Charleston, firm at 13c, net receipts 810 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Flour was firm and held higher. Rye flour quiet. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 90. Options opened firm and were generally strong most of the day on further war talk, bullish crop news, good support, higher cables and light speculative offerings. The close was quiet but firm, showing ⅜c net advance. Sales—May closed 87¾c; July closed 84c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 52c. Options market was fairly active and stronger on demand from important interests at Chicago, steady cables, light farm offerings and a general bull sentiment. Closed firm at ½c net advance: May closed 51⅝c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 42½c. Options nominal. Lard steady; Western steam $7 25; refined steady. Butter firm; extra creamery 23½c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4½@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 50@2 75; Jerseys $2 12@2 37; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 20. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $15 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Molasses firm. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 5½c; country (package free) 4¾@5½c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 37c. Sugar—Raw nominal; refined quiet. Pork firm; short clear $13 50@16 00; mess $13 75@14 40. Cotton seed oil was dull at quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 36½@37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, December 31—Lack of snow in many sections of the winter wheat belt together with war news contributed strength to grains to-day. May wheat closed ½c higher, corn ⅛c@⅛c and oats ⅛c. Provisions were 7½c to 20c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Cash prices: Flour—Market firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 81@83; No. 3 spring 72@78c; No. 2 red 83½@86½. Corn—No. 2 42⅝c, No. 2 yellow 44½. Oats—No. 2 36@36½; No. 3 white 36@38c. Rye—No. 2 52c. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 62½@12 75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 80@6 82½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 37½@6 42½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 82, 82½, 81½, 82c; May 84½@84½, 84½, 84¼, 84½c; July 79@79½, 79½, 79, 79½@79½c. Corn—No. 2 December 41½, 42½, 41½, 41⅞; May 45½@45⅝, 45⅝, 45½, 45⅝@45⅝c; July 44½@44⅞, 45½, 44⅝, 45⅛c. Oats—No. 2 December 36½, 36½, 35½, 35½c; May 38@38½, 38½, 38, 38½c; July 35½, 35⅝, 35, 35½@35½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 57½, 12 65, 12 50, 12 65; May $12 90, 13 05, 12 87½, 13 02½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 80, 6 87½, 6 72½, 6 82½; May $7 00, 7 07½, 6 97½, 7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 37½, 6 47½, 6 37½, 6 42½; May $6 70, 6 75, 6 65, 6 75.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7½c; mild firm; Cordova 8½@13c. Futures opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points on bull support, following bullish primary news. The market closed steady at a net advance of 10 to 15 points. Sales 58,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 31.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices twenty-eight points lower; American middling fair 7.22d; good middling 7.06d; middling 6.96d; low middling 6.90d; good ordinary 6.80d; ordinary 6.60d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,500 bales American. Receipts none.

Futures opened easier and closed firm; American middling (g o c): January 6.88d; January and February 6.87d; February and March 6.86@6.87d; March and April 6.86d; April and May 6.85@6.86d; May and June 6.84@6.85d; June and July 6.83d; July and August 6.80@6.81d; August and September 6.68d.

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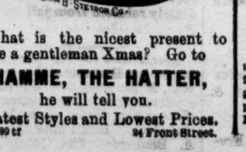

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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E Willis, Executrix of J W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court house door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 20th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 18[illegible] feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 6[illegible] feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 78.

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, block 470.

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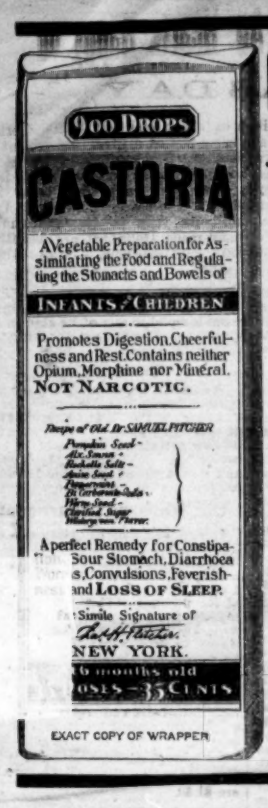
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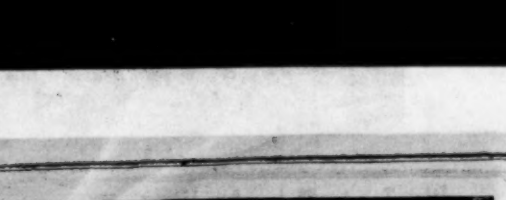

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A LABOR DAY ROMANCE

[Original.]

Reginald Atwater was what the girls call a catch. Thirty years old, strong and hearty, fairly good looking, he possessed $400,000 in his own right. The nearest girl to the prize was Marian Wyman. Marian and her mother possessed just enough income to enable them to move in the best society, to belong to the country club and to return their invitations by an occasional afternoon tea.

Atwater, during July and August, had been flitting about very much to his own liking and very much to the distress of Marian Wyman, who looked upon his freedom as she would upon that of an escaped canary, thinking that he might at any time be snared by some impecunious fortune hunter. She breathed more freely when he returned to his home and spent his time with her either on her piazza or on that of the club. This it must be admitted was because most of those with whom he was intimate were still in the country.

Miss Wyman had not discovered the art of pleasing a man. She made the fatal mistake of attempting to make herself pleasing, whereas she should have made the man pleasing, not to her, but to himself. She overran her slender income by buying articles of dress she could not afford; she sought to convince Atwater of her common sense, her prudence, her wit—in short, all the accomplishments that may be considered desirable in a wife.

At this tail end of the outing season—that is, for people of moderate incomes—during the short period prior to Atwater's departure for his hunting club, Miss Wyman was very much put out by the appearance of a country cousin, Miss Lucy Trimble. The Wymans were under pecuniary obligations to Miss Trimble's father, Mrs. Wyman's brother, for a temporary loan which was now of five years' standing, and invited Lucy to be with them for a fortnight's annual visit in lieu of interest. She had been invited for the last two weeks in July, when no one was at home, but for some reason had deferred her visit till the 1st of September. Her coming halved the hours Miss Wyman could spend with Mr. Atwater because she knew he would not countenance her shoving aside a guest.

What was deficient as an art in the one was present naturally in the other. Lucy Trimble had never met so grand a man as Atwater. She sat in his presence like the timid little mouse she was, her eyes fixed on him in admiration and wonder. He never made a remark but she fancied it must contain something of profundity. She did not talk to him, but listened with the deepest interest to what he said, her only remarks being sincere expressions of admiration for his learning, his versatility. Atwater had been looking all his life for some one to appreciate him as he appreciated himself. Here was a simple country girl who not only had discovered what others had failed to discover, but was sufficiently ingenuous not to be able to conceal her appreciation for him.

"Oh, Mr. Atwater," she said, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself to be content with society and hunting when you would so shine in any profession! Who knows but you might be president?"

Atwater laughed, but he was delighted. He had often thought of taking up politics, but refrained from doing so because the country gentlemen of America do not run for congress as those of Great Britain stand for parliament. He was delighted with Miss Trimble and considered how he could repay her for her appreciation.

"I have it," he said after a great deal of thought. "I'll invite Mrs. Wyman and Marian and this little chicken to go down to the seashore for over Labor day. I'll ask my chum, Bob Allison, to be of the party to make it even between us young folks, while Mrs. Wyman can be chaperon."

From Friday afternoon till Wednesday morning the party enjoyed bathing, lounging on the beach, hops, and Lucy Trimble, who had never seen the sea, was simply delighted.

The outing was ended. The party were at the station waiting for the last train to go to the city that day or the party would have waited for a later one. Suddenly Lucy Trimble put her hand to her belt and announced that she had left her watch at the hotel. There remained fifteen minutes before train time, and Atwater offered to go and get the watch. Lucy declared that she alone could find it. The two went together. They found the watch and started to return to the station. The train came along and the others, seeing them within a short distance, got aboard. The train moved out and the party waited expecting to see the two missing ones come in from the last car. When some time had passed and they did not appear Miss Wyman suggested to Mr. Allison that he had better go back and see if they had got on. To this Mr. Allison demurred, stating that he did not propose to interrupt a tete-a-tete. When the train reached the city it was discovered that the missing ones were not aboard. Mrs. Wyman proposed to return, but there was no train to go on till morning.

Of course when Mr. Atwater and Lucy Trimble returned they were man and wife. There could be no other result without the girl's disgrace. Mrs. Wyman always spoke of the matter as a deplorable accident, Mr. Allison as intentional with Atwater, while Marian Wyman said, "I must admit the little minx played it beautifully." Atwater says that he is rejoiced that an accident should have given him such an adorable wife.

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HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Edith W., 2:05, is on an excursion to the New England half mile tracks.

Tiverton and Promise are both 2:08 trotters right now, but are still in the 2:12 class.

Norrie, 2:14¾, who was 2-2 in 2:10¼, 2:09¾, is a sure two tenner unless he has some bad luck.

Dart, 2:08¾, by John R. Gentry, 2:00½, is a very swift pacer, but his breaks hurt his usefulness as a race horse.

Norman B., 2:11½, by Phallas, 2:18¾, begins to look like the best trotter of the many good ones "Red" Gerrity has sat behind.

If some way of steadying Beauseant, 2:06½, could be discovered many unkind things said about him would have to be taken back.

Dewey Sphinx, by Sphinx, 2:20½, dam Redmore, by Red Wilkes, owned by A. W. Kilbourn, Ithaca, Mich., will be campaigned this fall.

Dillon Boy, 2:17¼, was 2-3 and Hie Boy, 2:18½, was 3-2 in 2:09¾, 2:10½, recently. Both these young stallions have the ability to enter the 2:10 list this season.

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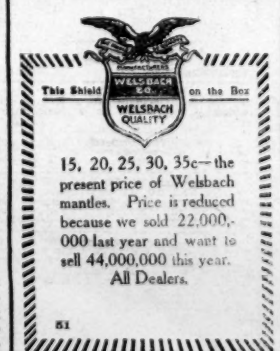
dec 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.



15, 20, 25, 30, 35c—the present price of Welsbach mantles. Price is reduced because we sold 22,000,000 last year and want to sell 44,000,000 this year. All Dealers.

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SCIENCE PREVENTS BALDNESS.

The Fatal Germ and Its Remedy Now Facts of Science.

It is the rarest thing in the world for a man to be necessarily bald. No man whose hair is not dead at the roots, need be bald if he will use Newbro's Herpicide, the new scalp antiseptic. Herpicide destroys the germ that cuts the hair off at the root; and cleans the scalp of dandruff and leaves it in a perfectly healthy condition. Mr. Mannett, in the Maryland Block, Butte, Mont., was entirely bald. In less than a month Herpicide had removed the enemies of hair growth, and nature did its work by covering his head with thick hair an inch long, and in six weeks he had a normal suit of hair. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

XMAS----A. D. BROWN.---XMAS

Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have.

Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.

We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.

We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.

We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.

Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1.75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,

dec 15 tf Next to Bonitz Hotel.

COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Inter-State Phones 416, 146. Bell Phones 94, 64.

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A Happy New Year

To one and all! At the same time we wish to thank you for past favors and hope you will continue to favor us with your patronage. Best wishes from

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,

dec 27 tf 118 Market street.

CITY LIVERY CO.,

BAGGAGE TRANSFER.

BRASS POLISH,
HARNESS OIL,
CHAMOIS,
SPONGES,
SOAP,

RIDING BRIDLES.
SADDLES,
BLANKETS,
ROBES,
WHIPS.

dec 6 tf 108, 110, 113 North Second Street.

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to what to purchase for a Christmas Gift, we would respectfully invite you to call on us that we may show you our line of goods, which you will find to consist of a host of valuable and useful articles.....

Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.75

Brass Andirons, artistic designs, $3 to $8.50 per pair.

Brass Fire Sets, Stand, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, $5 $6 and $8.50.

Guns, single and double barrel, $8 to $35.00.

Hunting Coats, Vest, Leggins in Canvas and Leather.

A large assortment Pocket Knives in Pearl and Horn Handles, blades of very best quality of steel.

Latest patterns in Scissors. Hermann Baker's make, nothing better, 59c to 65c.

Carving Sets, many styles to select from, $1.15 to $3.50 per set.

—SPECIAL AGENTS FOR—

Howes Scales, L. & R. Powder and Peninsular Stoves

J. W. Murchison & Co.,

dec 13 tf Orton Building.

Christmas : Footwear

For Everybody.

Presents.

Be sure to save your tickets and get one. Bibles, Dictionaries and other good Books, besides other articles of value actually given away

Our lines of General Footwear

Are better selected than ever before and we truthfully assert that we are giving more value for the money than we ever did at any time in the past.

Our Cash on Approval System

Still grows in favor, because it saves the purchaser a lot of money. Those who have tried it tell us so. We invite everybody to try it and be convinced.

We would gladly enumerate some of the many nice and tempting bargains awaiting you, but we have not the time to spare for that purpose. We only ask you to come and see. If any purchase is not satisfactory, kindly give us a chance to make it right with you. Largest stock we ever had of

Douglas Shoes for Men and Boys

also of Krippendorf-Dittman Co.'s for Ladies. Duttenhofer's still going at and below cost.

MERCER & EVANS CO.,

de 29 tf 118 Princess street.

Why Not Take a Trip This Winter Through

Florida to Cuba.

This beautiful State and Island has been brought within easy reach by the splendid through train service of the

ATLANTIC COAST LINE,

the great thoroughfare to the tropics.

Winter Tourists Tickets

are now on sale to all points in Florida and to Havana. For rates, schedules, maps, sleeping car and steamship accommodations write to

W. J. CRAIG,

General Passenger Agent,

Wilmington, N. C.

"What to say in Spanish and how to say it" sent to any address upon receipt of a two cent stamp.

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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.30 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
†§ 10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.

†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments of bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 12 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 3, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	2 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	5 07 p m	9 35 p m
Ar Wilson	5 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	5 56 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	9 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 18 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	1 05 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 55 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	11 61 p m
Ar Baltimore	2 19 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 42 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 13 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Lv Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	8 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 05 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 50 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar 7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 00 p m	Ar 5 45 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	3 25 p m	Ar 12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrives Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m., Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 9:35 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:09 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:30 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 09 p m	3 42 a m
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	5 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Norfolk	8 00 a m	6 30 p m

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	6 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	5 40	Goldsboro	8 37	8 50
.....	4 22	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 37	9 50
7 05	7 17	Morehead City	7 50	7 50
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.50 P. M. and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

The Clyde Steamship Co New York,

Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C., Lines

From New York to Wilmington.

NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26
CARIB.....Saturday Jan. 2

From Wilmington for New York.

CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26
NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Jan. 2

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 29
NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 29

Both Steamers have good Passenger accommodation.

Through Bills Lading and Lowest Through Rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

For freight and passage apply to

H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt., Wilmington, N. C.

OLIDE MILNE, Gen'l Freight Agent.

THEO. G. EGER, Gen'l Manager.

WM. P. CLYDE & CO., Gen'l Agents, 19 State Street, New York.

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these combined.

"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.

GUION & DAVIS,

an 19 tf No 7 South Front Street.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1.

ONLY ONE EXCHANGE NOW.

All the Inter-State 'Phones Now Cut into the Southern Bell Exchange.

The STAR some days ago mentioned that the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, of this city, had absorbed the Inter-State Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Last night the Inter-State exchange became a thing of the past, t work of cutting the Inter-State 'j into the Bell exchange was com Talks were carried on with people country through the Bell exc and from now on the subscrib the Inter-State will have to cal called through the Bell exchan

Manager McManus stated last that the subscribers of the d Inter-State Company will be fur with Bell phones at once, all they can talk through their old till the new ones are put in. Th phones arrived yesterday and put in at once in place of the State phones.

Mr. W. W. DeLany, of A connected with the construct partment of the Southern Bel pany, has been superintendi cutting in of the Inter-State ph

The consolidation gives th exchange 1,060 'phones now doubt the subscribers will ap the advantage of having only up through one exchange.

Under the new arrangement, all the operators of the Inter-State company are taken over by the Bell company. Capt. W. P. Oldham, late manager of the Inter-State company, is also with the Bell company for the present.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

The D. L. Gore Company Entertained Their Employes at Supper Last Night.

The D. L. Gore Company, one of Wilmington's largest wholesale grocery concerns, complimented their employes with an elegant supper last night at the residence of Mr. L. B. Rogers, a member of the firm, 423 South Front street.

The following members of the company were in attendance: Mr. D. L. Gore, president; Mr. L. B. Rogers, vice president; Mr. J. C. Gore, secretary.

The employes in attendance were Miss Lillie Walker, stenographer, Messrs. W. W. Love and John Owen, bookkeepers; Messrs. L. C. Hubbard, John R. Billings and J. T. Grisham, travelling salesmen; Mr. D. D. McLenon, shipping clerk; Mr. V. M. Woody, stock clerk.

Among the guests were Mrs. John H. Gore and Miss Hennie Walker.

After supper there were various games and a geographical guessing contest. Mr. Turner, city editor of the *Messenger*, won the first prize, a fountain pen, and Mr. Woody got the booby, a diminutive geography.

During the evening Messrs. D. L. Gore, L. R. Rogers and J. C. Gore delivered talks, and their remarks were highly pleasing and enjoyed by all.

Everybody present had a delightful time.

The Board of Health.

The city Board of Health met yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's office at the City Hall. Mayor W. E. Springer presided and the members in attendance were Dr. C. T. Harper, secretary, Dr. A. H. Harriss, Mr. M. W. Jacobi and Mr. S.T. Adams, city engineer.

The board agreed on the terms of an ordinance to regulate plumbing in the city, and it will be tendered to the Board of Aldermen for adoption at their meeting next Monday night. Dr. Harriss and Messrs. Jacobi and Adams were appointed a committee to confer with the ordinance committee in preparation of the new ordinance.

The board instructed the city engineer to inspect the repairing which the Wilmington Sewerage Company is making on its system near Oakdale cemetery. The syphon got out of order there, and when it was taken out it was found that the pipe was terra cotta instead of iron. As the syphon has to lift a height of 30 feet, it will require iron pipe, as the pressure is so great the terra cotta pipe had become as crooked as a rail fence.

Eloquent Young Minister.

The Rev. Oscar L. Powers, pastor of the Baptist church at Wood Lake, Ky., recently vacated by the Rev. Dr. E. S. Alderman, formerly of Wilmington, will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Powers, it will be remembered, supplied the First church here a year and a half ago, and made a fine impression on our people by his eloquence and splendid preaching powers. By the way, he is a native of North Carolina, and, accompanied by his bride, is now on a visit to his father near Willard, Duplin county. He has just finished his course at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and is one of the best equipped young men in the Southern Baptist church.

The Tennessee Central railroad shops in South Nashville were burned last night, entailing an estimated total loss of $330,000.

Wonderful Nerve

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there is no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It is the best salve on earth for piles, too. Only 25c at H. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

MORE DETAILS OF THEATRE HORROR.

The Total Number of Casualties is Now Placed at One Thousand.

THE DEAD ESTIMATED AT 564.

Different Accounts as to Origin of the Fire—Construction of the Theatre. Sections of Building Ordinance Not Complied With.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HICAGO, December 31.——For the t time since Chicago has possessed s to peal, whistles to shriek, and ns to blow, the old year was al ed silently to take its place in his y and the new year permitted to e with no evidence of joy at its h.

n an official proclamation, issued afternoon by Mayor Carter H. rrison, he made the suggestion t the usual New Year's eve celebra n be for this time omitted. The idea nd a ready response in the hearts he people and the mayor's words in only gave utterance to the unexssed thoughts that had filled them

Ordinarily, on New Year's eve the ets of the city are filled with merry kers, but to-night the only throngs be found were those around the rgues; ordinarily, numbers of fashable restaurants in the heart of the y are filled with light-hearted revelrs who toast the year that passed d hail the year that comes, but toght these places were comparatively serted and some of them closed entirely, with doors locked and curtains drawn. Usually among these gay people are found many members of the theatrical profession; to-night not a single one of them was in evidence.

The list of dead continues as it was last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is 564. This number will be increased somewhat as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will not in any event exceed 575. Including the missing, it is estimated that the total number of casualties at the present time is approximately 1,000.

There was animated discussion today among firemen, employes of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ to-day as widely as they varied last night. The theatrical people are practically a unit in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience who declare they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place. These statements are substantiated by the stories of a number of people who left their seats after seeing the blaze and were well on their way to the street when overtaken by the frightened rush of those they had left behind them. The best evidence obtainable is to the effect that the fire was caused by the sparks from an arc light striking the edge of the drop curtain, but the actual effect, however, will not be known until after the conclusion of the coroner's inquest. There are also many statements at present and they differ so widely that it is impossible to ascertain the exact truth of the matter.

Although the Iroquois theatre was undoubtedly the safest theatre in Chicago, it became evident to-day that the city building department has not strictly enforced one or two sections of the building ordinances.

William Curran, a building inspector, was in the theatre only a few moments before the catastrophe and went away, saying that everything was in good condition. Deputy Building Commissioner Stanhope went to the theatre to-day to make an inspection. On his return to the city hall he said: "The theatre and its management were strictly within the law. I will not go into detail until I have completed my report."

Section 185 of the local building ordinance provides that in buildings of the class to which the Iroquois theatre belong, there shall be a system of automatic sprinklers. There were no sprinklers in the theatre and Mr. Stanhope, when this was called to his attention, replied: "There was a sprinkler system in the theatre, but the provision about the Iroquois made it unnecessary for this theatre to have them."

Section 189 of the ordinance provides that theatres be equipped with fire alarms connected with the city fire alarm system.

City Electrician Hyland said: The Iroquois had no fire alarm connection with the city alarm. No application is on file for any such connection.

The alarm of fire, in fact, was turned in from a box over half a block distant from the theatre.

The laws provides also that there shall be a ventilating shaft at the rear of the stage which will conduct flames and smoke away from the auditorium in just such emergencies as arose yesterday. The Iroquois theatre possessed no such ventilating shaft.

From the action of a committee of prominent architects of Chicago at a meeting to-night, may result in a recommendation to Mayor Harrison to close every theatre in the city until its exits and construction have been examined. The idea was suggested to President Beaumont of the Chicago Architects Association to day by W. A. Priamore, an architect who lost some relatives in the fire.

President Beaumont refused to personally make the recommendation to Mayor Harrison, but called an informal meeting of the association at which it was decided that a larger gathering of the members would be held to-morrow and action at that time would be decided upon.

Mayor Harrison said to-night:

"I see no more reason for closing all the theatres than for stopping all railway trains after a disastrous wreck. There is no necessity for getting hysterical about this matter, although this horrible disaster has taken place in probably the safest theatre in Chicago."

The mayor to-night, in this connection, sent a letter to all theatrical proprietors in the city, calling their attention to the failure of theatres to comply with the building ordinances relating to places of amusement especially that provision requiring them to employ a fireman. The mayor directs the chief of the fire department to assign regular firemen to each theatre, their wages to be paid by the theatres.

After dispatching this letter, the mayor said: "If any one of the theatrical managers refuses to pay the wages of these men, as several of them have refused in the past, I will close the doors of the theatres and keep them closed until they agree to act as they should."

All during the day telegrams of sympathy to the people of Chicago and offers of aid poured in by telegraph upon the mayor. He announced to-night: "I have received many offers of aid. It may be before we get through this a few persons will be found to have been put to need, but Chicago will be able to give that aid herself. Most of those killed and injured, now identified, can be abundantly cared for."

Among the telegrams of condolence received from abroad by the mayor were the following:

"MAYOR HARRISON: Wish to express deepest sympathy on account of the terrible catastrophe at the Iroquois theatre. Please let me know of missing, and if some of my acquaintances among them. What a terrible beginning of the new year many good citizens of Chicago will have.

[Signed] "HENRY OF PRUSSIA."

Telegrams of condolence were also received from Mayor Low of New York, Mayor Collins, of Boston, and from dozens of the chief executives of cities between St. Louis and New York.

In addition to his proclamation issued this afternoon, suggesting that the usual New Year's festivities be abandoned, Mayor Harrison to night made the announcement that all departments of the City Hall will be closed on Saturday, January 2nd, on account of the calamity at the Iroquois theatre. He made the request that all business houses throughout the city also close on that day.

On every train which arrived in Chicago during the morning came the relatives of persons who were thought to have been killed or injured in the fire. The lobbies of the down town hotels were the scenes of many meetings as well as anxious inquiries on the part of fathers, mothers and more distant relatives of people of whom no trace could be found. Many of these people returned to the hotels late in the evening after either a fruitless search for their loved ones or after finding a charred and disfigured body lying in the morgue—all that remained of the relative or friend for whom they had searched.

One of the most thrilling escapes was that of Miss Millie Overlook, of Virginia, a young girl who was visiting friends in the city. Miss Overlook's companion, Remington Thomas, made an heroic effort to escape with her, but after carrying her to the door where he placed her on her feet, the two became separated and Thomas is among the missing.

Orders were issued to-night by Chief O'Neill to find other members of the company and theatre employes who were actual witnesses of the fire. This order will mean, the police say, that more than twenty arrests will be made in the morning, chiefly among the ballet dancers and members of the chorus.

According to Coroner Traeger, a large placard had been placed in the hotel where a large number of the company are stopping, ordering that all members of the company should be ready to leave upon short notice. Believing that this was a move to keep witnesses from testifying before the coroner's jury the arrests were decided upon.

The cause of the "jamming" of the asbestos curtain, considered the chief cause of the Iroquois theatre disaster, was explained to-day by an inspector for the underwriters who made a tour of the house and found that the wire on which the queen of the aerial ballet flew out over the audience in the second act held the asbestos curtain in place and prevented it from being lowered. It was shown by the inspector that the wire on which the most spectacular feature of the show was made, practically caused the holocaust.

The Insurance Loss.

E. R. Welmore, of the insurance firm which had placed the insurance on the Iroquois theatre, declared today that the loss would not exceed $20,000. He also asserted that the spread of the flames to the auditorium was due to the failure of the asbestos curtain to work propsrly.

At midnight 471 dead had been identified, the injuries of 171 persons had received attention and 357 were still reported missing. As only about 80 bodies were still unidentified, many of the men, women and children who were reported to the police as missing last night and this morning, have doubtless recovered from their frights and returned to their homes.

Viewing the Dead.

From early in the morning until late at night crowds besieged the undertaking rooms and hospitals looking for the dead and injured. Policemen were detailed at all places where the dead and injured had been carried to restrain the anxious men and women who pressed in at the doorways and inquired for their lost friends and relatives.

In all the undertaking rooms the bodies were placed as far as possible upon cots and when these gave out, were stretched in long lines upon the floors, and a constant succession of pale-faced men and tearful women passed slowly between the bodies, lifting the covering from the charred and bruised faces, and searching in the clothing of the dead for something by which their lost ones could be recognized. In many cases women fainted when lifting the sheet from some face in which they recognized the features of a dead child or a beautiful young girl. The scenes that were enacted around the bodies of the little children were pathetic in the extreme.

Six bushel baskets of valuables and trinkets of various descriptions were gathered by the police and firemen and turned over to the coroner. Among these were fully a dozen watches, and in every instance the watches had stopped at 3:50 o'clock, the time when the fire broke out.

Crowd in the Theatre.

There have been numerous reports, unauthenticated, however, that the aisles and passageways in the rear of the theatre were blocked by a crowd of people who occupied the standing room. The actual seating capacity of the theatre is 1,615. Will J. Davis, one of the proprietors of the theatre, was asked if it was true that 500 people were standing in aisles and in rows back of the seats on each floor. Mr. Davis was plainly unstrung, but said he did not credit the statement. On Wednesday afternoon, after the fire, however, several of the ushers declared that at least 2,000 people were in the theatre.

To Go to Raleigh.

Mr. George F. Catlett, of our city, who took a course in chemistry at the North Carolina University, has been appointed to a position in the office of Col. S. L. Patterson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, at Raleigh. Mr. Catlett will be in the food department, and will go to Raleigh to report for duty by January 13th.

Golf Tournament.

The Cape Fear Golf Club will have a men's handicap tournament to-day at their links. The game will be for 18 holes and will begin at 10 A. M. The prize will be a handsome silver cup. The trolley cars will run a special schedule to the grounds.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29 h to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

LITTLE DANGER OF A HOSTILE CLASH.

Official Impression in Washington That There Will be a Peaceable Settlement

OF TROUBLE WITH COLOMBIA

Advices from Colon—Colombian Troops Landed Near the Isle of Pines Withdrawn — The Movements of U. S. Warships.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—State Department advices of recent date all go to show that the danger of a hostile clash with Colombia is abating, and these, taken in connection with Minister Beaupre's courteous treatment by the Colombian officials on his way home, tend to confirm the official impression here that there is now no danger of failure to reach a satisfactory adjustment of whatever issues may exist between the United States and Colombia.

COLON, Dec. 31.—Information reached Governor Melendez last night from Carti, a village near the Island of Pines, in Panama territory, that Colombian troops had landed there December 21st and conferred with the Indian chief in Icanaquina, who afterwards was taken aboard a vessel, and it is thought conveyed to Cartagena.

Immediately it became known here that Colombians had landed within the borders of the republic of Panama the United States gunboat which was coaling at the railroad dock, steamed out towards Carti. She was followed shortly afterwards by the cruiser Olympia.

ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

John A. Benson of San Francisco Charged With Bribery in Connection With Land Frauds.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—John A. Benson, of San Francisco, is in Ludlow street jail to-night owing to his inability to furnish $10,000 bail. He was arrested here to-day on a charge of bribery, at the instance of secret service officers, who feared he was about to leave the city.

Benson recently was indicted in Washington for bribing a Federal official. The indictment charged that Benson and Frederick A. Hyde, of San Francisco, were engaged in the business of unlawfully obtaining possession of titles to public lands in California and Oregon. It is charged that on March 15th last Benson paid Woodford D. Harlan, chief of the special service division of the Interior Department, $200 to furnish him with advanced information concerning the reports of Messrs. Pugh and Steele. It is further claimed that a second payment of $300 was made to Harlan on March 20th, a third on March 25th of the same amount, and a fourth on December 16th to the same Federal official of $150. A claim is also made that on December 16th, Benson paid William E. Volk, a clerk in the land office, the sum of $150 to permit him to see certain reports.

EMPLOYES ARRESTED.

Scene Shifters and Stage Hands Charged With Being Accessions to Manslaughter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Seven employes of the Iroquois theatre were arrested to-night on orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill. The charge against them is at present that of being accessory to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

The men arrested are: Wm. Carlton, stage manager; Edward Cummings, stage carpenter; Frank J. Jamrow, E. Engle, Thomas McQueen, S. J. Masoni.

The last five are stage hands and scene-shifters. After being taken in custody by the police, four of the men told Chief O'Neill that they had been requested by people connected with the theatre to leave the city. When asked who advised them to do this, they at first refused to say, but later admitted that the advice was given by Assistant Stage Manager Plunkett. They say they were about to follow Plunkett's advice, and all of them had packed their trunks and would have been out of the city had not the police arrested them.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Son of U. S. Minister Squires at Havana Shot and Mortally Wounded.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—Fargo Squiers the eldest son of United States Minister Squiers, was accidentally shot and mortally wounded to-day by Gaston Michaud, a chaffeur employed by his father. Young Squiers and several servants were shooting at a target in the coach house of the minister's residence in the suburb of Marianao at the time. They were using 22-calibre rifles, and one of them apparently got out of order. Michaud, after examining the weapon, re-cocked it when suddenly it was discharged in the direction of Squiers, who was standing between Michaud and the target. The ball penetrated the young man's left lung. A hemorrhage ensued and within half an hour Squiers died.

Secretary Sleeper, who was in charge of the legation, sent a cable dispatch to Minister Squiers at Washington and one to Mrs. Squiers at Katonah, N.Y., informing them of the accident. The body will be sent home.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Eastern and Western Districts Consolidated—McManus Superintendent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31.—A special from Greensboro says:

It is announced here that the eastern and western districts of the Southern Railway have been consolidated. C. S. McManus, at present general superintendent of the western district, with offices at Birmingham, Ala., becomes general superintendent. The general office will be transferred to Atlanta. S. J. Collins, general superintendent of the eastern district, with office at Greensboro, retires.

The one great virtue of Burnett's Vanilla Extract is purity. It is real vanilla extract and nothing but vanilla extract. Always use Burnett's.

van Houten's Cocoa

For Breakfast, Luncheon, or Supper, the Unequalled Beverage.

Best & Goes Farthest

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPAN.

Officials at St Petersburg Declare Nothing Has Yet Been Decided--Insurance War Risks at Moscow.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST PETERSBURG, Dec. 31. — The Foreign Office declares nothing has yet been decided regarding Russia's reply to Japan. M. Kgrine, the Japanese minister here, has been conferring actively with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, notwithstanding the fact that the Japanese official is suffering severely from a cold and from lumbago.

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—The imposition of war risks to-day by the insurance companies on shipments hence to the Far East was the first local intimation that Russo Japanese hostilities were considered within the bounds of possibility. There is no war talk, however, nor excitement.

ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION

Consul General Skinner Successfully Carried Out His Mission.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

JIBUTIL, FRENCH SOMALILAND, Dec. 31.—The United States expedition to Abyssinia under Consul General Skinner, of Marseilles, which arrived at Adis Abeba December 21st, has successfully carried out the principal features of the mission. A treaty between the United States and the Empire of Ethiopia, opening for the first time friendly commercial relations, has been negotiated and signed.

Emperor Menelik has also given his formal acceptance of the invitation to participate in the St. Louis exposition.

As a personal tribute from Emperor Menelik to President Roosevelt, Mr. Skinner has been charged to deliver to the President two lions and a pair of elephant tusks.

WARM WIRELETS

At a meeting of the executive committee of the officers' association of Georgia State troops, a resolution was adopted recommending the disbandment of the colored troops of that State.

Over one hundred Turks were arrested in Salonica, European Turkey, yesterday, on suspicion of complicity in a plot to massacre Christians. The arrests are continuing. Quantities of arms and explosives have been seized.

With the $200,000 subscribed by the Virginia Legislature, the amount of Jamestown Exposition stock now disposed of is $1,300,000. Congress will be asked to make an appropriation of $5,000,000 to the Exposition, according to the plans of the promoters.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need apply. 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m*

Mechanics' Home Association opens a new series of Building and Loan Stocks to-morrow. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. jan 1 1t.

To-day extra cars will leave Front and Princess streets for Ocean View at 1.30, 2.30 and 3 P. M.; returning, will leave Ocean View at 3.30 and 4.45 P. M. For the benefit of golfers a car will leave the Golf Club for Wilmington at 1 P. M. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. jan 1 1t.

Wanted—A position by young man as book-keeper or stenographer. Good reference. Address G, care STAR. dec 30 4t*

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to R. C. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 1t

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. O. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains to each lot till January 1st. L. L. Sellers, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 6 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 103 Market street, in the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 13 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 813 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. 16 tf

CHICAGO LIVERYMEN

By Unanimous Vote Declared a Truce to Continue for Ten Days.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Possibly nothing could better typify the depth of the sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote which was without a dissenting voice, it was decided to establish a truce of ten days.

In their turn the employers issued a call to their striking employes to return to work, "irrespective of any previous affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them in all contingencies which may arise in the future.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Sends Message of Sympathy to the Mayor of Chicago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The following message was received to-day:

"*Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.*—Hon. Carter H. Harrison, Mayor, Chicago, Ill.—In common with all our people throughout this land, I extend to you, to the people of Chicago, my deepest sympathy in the terrible catastrophe which has befallen them.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Our line of Xmas Goods is all open and ready for your inspection and consists of all the latest and most popular Novels,

Illustrated Books, Pictures, Fountain Pens

and a large line of Fancy Goods. Call and see us at our New Store.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

The Stationeer.

de 13 tf 32 North Front St.

Pecan Nuts.

Home grown thin shell Nuts 15c per pound.

Fox River Butter, 5 pound Pails, 30 cents.

Fox River Butter 30 pound Pails.

Heart's best Butter.

Heart's little favorite Cheese.

Cracked Corn.

Virginia Water Ground Meal.

Pearl Grits.

Hoop Iron.

Spirit Barrels.

300 Kegs Mullets.

STONE & COMPANY,

dec 15 tf 5 and 7 South Water Street.

Hog Jowl and Peas.

We will supply you with the above for your New Year's dinner.

Send your orders.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.

dec 30 tf

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUB BREWING CO.

dec 24 1w

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

AT THE

UNLUCKY CORNER.

The fullest and nicest line of SALTED FISH ever shown in the city. Mackerel from 8½cts to 35 cents each and oh! those 25 centers are high priced but so good, try one. Pickled Salmon, Bloater Herring, Mullets and Mullet Roe, Kippered Herring, Brook Trout Sardines, 5 to 40 cents a box, Deviled Sardines, Smoked Sardines, Sardines in Oil, Anchovy Paste Shrimps, Clams.

S. W. SANDERS.

Both Phones 109. de 27 tf

BUTTER,

APPLES, ORANGES, CANDY, COCOANUTS, RAISINS,

HALL & PEARSALL,

INCORPORATED.

dec 18 tf

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; No. 40 and 50 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 25c yard; we have all kinds of ribbons for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. Ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $3.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

PROPRIETOR.

dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

Visit Solky's New Store For Your CHRISTMAS GOODS.

YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

XMAS GOODS,

such as Bath-Robes, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Pajamas, Night Shirts, Percale Shirts, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Gentlemen's Travelling Bags, Full Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Overcoats.

Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

Also a full line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps.

Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Stronse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 19 tf

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

dec 5 tf

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,909 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	3,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,808 80
Bank Building	30,000 00	Circulation	2 0.0 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 6 94	Deposits	1,697 140 98
	$1 229,625 98		$1,229,625 98

Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901. $978,808 85. Nov. 17th, 1902, $81,164,0C0 06. Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,697,140 98.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

nov 21 tf

FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.

dec 24tf

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY! WEAR

Rubbers.

You ought to see our latest with the thick extension heel; they wear twice as long as the ordinary kind. Sold at

Solomon's Shoe Store.

dec 13 tf